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FROM AMBASSADOR POPPER

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CY, INS, GR.

SUBJ: CYPRUS: PROPOSED REPRESENTATION TO GREECE

REF: NICOIA 970

SUMMARY: MESSAGE CONTAINS COMMENTS ON EMBASSY NICOSIA PROPOSAL
FOR

US APPROACH TO GREECE TO RESTRAIN GRIVAS. END SUMMARY.

1. HAD ONLY FEW MINUTES TO RUN THROUGH NICOSIA 970 BEFORE LEAVING
TEHRAN. DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN PREPARING
RESPONSE.

2. LAST WEEKEND GREEK GOVT. STATEMENT, PUT OUT I BELIEVE BY
PRIMIN' S OFFICE, SEEMED TO MARK SOME SORT OF AN ADVANCE IN GOG
POSITION. THOUGH STILL EVEN- HANDED, I HAD IMPRESSION IT WAS
MORE POINTEDLY ANTI- GRIVAS THAN PREVIOUS GREEK FONOFF COMMENTS,
AND I NOTE CYPRUS GOVT. TERMED IT " VERY CONSTRUCTIVE," WHILE
GRIVAS FOLLOWERS WERE SAID TO BE DISPLEASED. IF STATEMENT

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SHOULD HELP TO DEFUSE SITUATION CREATED BY CLENDIES THREAT TO RESIGN AND GRIVAS AND ANTI-GRIVAS VIOLENCE, WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT WANT TO INTERCEDE.

3. IF ON CONTRARY SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED, I WONDER WHETHER STAGE HAS YET BEEN REACHED WHERE USG WOULD WANT TO MAKE UNILATERAL APPROACH TO GREEKS. WOULD IT NOT BE WISE TO TALK OVER SITUATION WITH UNDER SYG GUYER, WHO SHOULD BE IN AREA SHORTLY, AND WITH BRITISH, TO SEE WHAT SORT OF PARALLEL ACTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE? THIS WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FROM A NUMBER OF POINTS OF VIEW.

4. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY TO BE EXPLORED WOULD BE AN APPROACH, INDIVIDUALLY OR OTHERWISE, TO BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS, URGING THEM TO BREAK THE SLIDE TOWARD CONFLICT BY MEASURES WHICH COULD RESUSCITATE THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ON THE GREEK SIDE THIS WOULD ENTAIL PUTTING THE BRAKES ON GRIVAS; ON THE TURKISH SIDE, RESTRAINING THE DENKTASH BELLICOSITY AND INTRANSIGENCE, WHICH IF NOT OVERSHADOWED BY THE GRIVAS CAPER WOULD BE SEEN TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IMPOSSIBLE. AT THE SAME TIME, IT MIGHT BE WELL TO POINT OUT TO MAKARIOS AND CLERIDES THAT THEY TOO MUST EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND FLEXIBILITY IF MOMENTUM TOWARD SETTLEMENT, OR EVEN DOMESTIC CALM IN CYPRUS, IS TO BE ATTAINED.

5. I WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER THESE POINTS FURTHER ON MY RETURN TO NICOSIA APRIL 30.

6. RE NICOSIA 977 JUST RECEIVED IN TEL AVIV, THIS REINFORCES MY FEELING THAT WE SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH APPROACHES.
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